

## REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 38-41, and 65-69 are pending in the application prior to entering this amendment.

The examiner rejects claims 1-5, 38-42, and 65-69 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wee et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,618).

The applicants do not amend any claims.

The application remains with claims 1-5, 38-41, and 65-69 after entering this amendment.

The applicants add no new matter and request reconsideration.

### Claim Rejections Under § 103(a)

The examiner rejects claims 1-5, 38-42, and 65-69 as being obvious over Wee. The applicants traverse the rejection.

The filing date of this application is Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1999. The filing date for Wee is April 25, 2000, which is its earliest priority date. Thus, the present application predates Wee's earliest priority data and hence, Wee is not prior art under 103(a).

The applicants request the examiner remove Wee as a reference and allow all the remaining claims.


### Conclusion

The applicants request reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims. The applicants encourage the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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